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SUBJECT: JAPANESE ENVIRONMENT MINISTER LOOKING TO VISIT U.S.

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11. (SBU) Environment Ministry Councilor for Global Environmental Affairs Masaru Moriya told EMIN and EST Chief March 17 that Japanese Environment Minister Tetsuo Saito plans to visit Washington May 2 - 5. The Minister is looking to meet May 4 with EPA Administrator Jackson, Assistant to the President Carol Browner, CEQ Chair Nancy Sutley, and Special Envoy Todd Stern. The overall focus of the visit, Saito's first to Washington as Minister, would be on cooperation with the U.S. on climate change. He is also looking to talk with Administrator Jackson about children's health and the environment. Moriya said the Japanese Embassy is contacting Washington agencies to seek to arrange the desired appointments.